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TEXAS CHURCH SHOOTING

Battling grief through God

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Joshua John of Roanoke, Va., with The Cross Loves You ministry, prays at each cross at the Sutherland Springs memorial site after reaching the end of his 26-mile walk — one mile for each person killed at First Baptist Church.

Sutherland Springs turns to faith, prayer in face of tragedy

By NAOMI MARTIN and LAUREN McGAUGHY
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SUTHERLAND SPRINGS — When Leslie Ward walked outside last Sunday morning to set up for a yard sale, she didn't know her world — the lives of her family, her entire community — was about to change forever.

Two blocks from her home, a gunman had just entered the church where her nieces and nephew were attending morning services with their mother. The two little girls, ages 5 and 7, wouldn't make it through the day. Their mother, too, died there in the church.

Only little Ryland, a 5-year-old shot four times by a madman, made it out alive. He's still fighting. He's stable, the family says, undergoing surgery after surgery to mend his little body. He'll probably be in the hospital for months. But it will be years before the Ward family and this small corner of Texas return to anything like normalcy.

If they ever can.

A week ago, Sutherland Springs was a quiet community of 643 souls. By midday Sunday, that number had fallen to 618. Everyone here knows at least someone who was shot — one of the 26 who died, or one of the 20 who were wounded.

Nine children were lost.

Now, family after family is facing a long path to peace. They know their lives and their town will never be the same.

One thing is certain: This deeply religious area, where churches and crosses are ubiquitous, will rely on faith and

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Read an editorial and commentary on the Sutherland Springs massacre and how Texas should respond. **1P**

Points

26 Texans taken too soon

MEDDLING INQUIRY

Trump accepts Putin's sincerity

President says he believes our intel agencies, but is working hard 'to get along with Russia'

FROM WIRE REPORTS

President Donald Trump said Sunday that he is "with our agencies" in the intelligence community regarding the question of whether Russia meddled in the 2016 election, but he once again stopped short of definitively laying out his view on the extent of the interference or Russia's role in it.

Trump said he thinks it's time for the country to move on from the controversy surrounding Russian election interference — currently the subject of a criminal probe and several congressional investigations — in the interest of building greater ties to Russia to solve global problems.

He also sought to clarify his view on whether he believes Russian President Vladimir Putin's denials over meddling.

"What I said there is that I believe he

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CRIME

Pain creams blamed for death, fraud

Feds say greedy docs, pharmacies put lives at risk, rip off taxpayers

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Desiree Ford rubbed the pain cream on her skin and immediately wanted to wash it off.

"Whoa … time for a shower, this lotion is making me feel weird," she texted a friend.

The 22-year-old Houston woman was later found dead in her bathtub by her mother.

The Harris County medical examiner ruled that Ford's November 2014 death was caused by toxic effects of two drugs in the pain cream, which came from a Houston compounding pharmacy called Diamond Pharmacy.

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BELL COUNTY

Can height reverse a conviction?

6-3 inmate hopes judge will buy that he's too tall to be the robber

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GEORGE POWELL

BELTON — A man in a white shirt and jeans, wearing sunglasses and a white baseball cap, walked into a Killeen 7-Eleven on June 9, 2008. He placed a handgun on the counter and ordered the terrified cashier to hand over all the cash in the register and a carton of cigarettes.

A Bell County jury in 2009 decided that George Powell, a 6-foot-3 musician with broad shoulders who had for years been a thorn in the side of local police, was the man captured in the store's surveillance footage. An expert for the prosecutor told jurors the man in the video was at least 6-1. A jailhouse snitch told them that Powell had confessed to the crime while they both were in the local lockup. The jury sentenced Powell to 28 years in prison.

Eight years later, thanks to a pen pal-turned-girlfriend, Powell is back in court with new evidence that he says proves his innocence.

In a Bell County courtroom Thursday, Grant Fredericks, a certified forensic video analyst, will tell a judge that the very video that helped send Powell to prison shows he couldn't

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HOLIDAY Entertaining

Making spirits bright

Holiday Entertaining magazine

Home-delivery subscribers will find a special magazine in today's newspaper to help prepare for the joys and challenges of the holiday season, with a focus on cooking, wine and spirits, shopping, hosting and decorating.

NATION

Americans pay tribute to those who served

Americans honor their military veterans in New York, in grieving Sutherland Springs and across the country. **4, 17A**

ARTS & LIFE

Photographer Liebovitz discusses her craft

Portrait photographer Annie Leibovitz talks about the latest collection of her work. **1E**

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Automation is helping to create e-commerce jobs

Automation helps create, not eliminate, jobs in e-commerce. **1D**

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